

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

In re Application of

Matsui et al.

Application S/N: 09/758,268

Filed: January 12, 2001

: Group Art Unit: 1742

: Examiner: S. Ip

For: ULTRAFINE COPPER ALLOY WIRE, STRANDED COPPER ALLOY WIRE CONDUCTOR, EXTRAFINE COAXIAL CABLE, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ULTRAFINE COPPER ALLOY WIRE

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

- a  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Notification of Attorney's Change of Address

2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees: The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

b.  A check in the amount of \$ enclosed

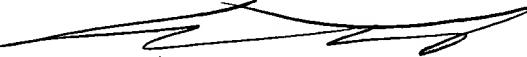
c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the RCE fee is enclosed.

4.  A petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time for response to the Official Action dated is submitted herewith along with the extension fee of \$.

5.  Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted

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AMENDMENT

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This amendment is filed concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) and in response to the final Official Action dated October 23, 2002, the time for response to which is up to and including January 23, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5-11, 19, 20 and 23.

Please add new claims 28-31 as follows:

--28. (New) The ultrafine copper alloy wire according to claim 1, wherein said copper alloy wire consists of:

high-purity copper having a total unavoidable impurity content of not more than 1 ppm by mass; and